

NEW PUBLICATION!

HOLDING GROUND: A GUIDE TO NORTHEAST FARMLAND TENURE AND STEWARDSHIP

A new publication, ***Holding Ground: A Guide to Northeast Farmland Tenure and Stewardship***, addresses farmland access, transfer, affordability and stewardship. Secure land tenure is a critical issue in the Northeast as farmers confront the considerable barriers to finding -- and affording -- farmland. Many exiting farm families and other farmland owners are looking for legal tools and models to ensure their lands farmed by others will be well cared for. ***Holding Ground*** examines leases and other tenure arrangements that address the complex needs and circumstances surrounding farmland access and transfer -- in the Northeast and across the U.S.

Holding Ground is a comprehensive guide to secure and equitable land tenure. Both practical and insightful, it examines mechanisms that provide access and affordability but stop short of outright ownership. ***Holding Ground*** opens doors to new tenure models and partnerships by providing practical information to farmers, conservation organizations and agriculture service providers. Readers are guided to craft innovative and successful tenure agreements that meet the objectives of both the farmer and the landowner.

Holding Ground contains sample lease provisions with explanations, sample stewardship standards, worksheets, and case studies. Contents include:

- Principles and challenges of farmland tenure
- Short-term leases
- Long-term leases and other non-traditional tenure models
- Paths to ownership
- Farmland stewardship
- Negotiating, monitoring and enforcing agreements

Holding Ground is a publication of the Intervale Foundation (VT) and the New England Small Farm Institute (MA). The eighteen authors include farmers, landowners, attorneys, and land use specialists.

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